

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	25743	<b>Agenda Number</b>	116.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	8/22/2013	<b>Department:</b>	Austin Water Utility
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*Subject*

Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed rate and fee changes for the Austin Water Utility as part of the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Proposed Budget.

*Amount and Source of Funding*

*Fiscal Note*

A fiscal note is not required.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
<b>For More Information:</b>	David Anders, 972-0323; Denise Avery, 972-0104
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on August 14, 2013 on a 6-0-0-1 vote.
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

*Additional Backup Information*

This action requests City Council to conduct a public hearing to hear public comments on the water, wastewater, and reclaimed rate changes proposed in the Utility's Proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget. Council is scheduled to adopt the budget on September 9, 10, and 11, 2013. The City Code in Section 2-5-45 specifically requires a public hearing prior to the City Council approving any changes in electric, water, wastewater, and garbage collection rates.

The Austin Water Utility's Proposed Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget includes the following changes to the current water and wastewater rates:

	<b>Water Rates</b> <b>(Revenue Impact) (1)</b>	<b>Wastewater Rates</b> <b>(Revenue Impact)</b>
<b><u>Retail Customers:</u></b>		
Single Family (Non-CAP)	8.8% Increase	0.2% Increase
Single Family (CAP)	8.5% Increase	0.2% Increase
Multifamily	5.7% Increase	4.5% Increase
Commercial	8.2% Increase	3.5% Increase
Large Volume (2)	7.6% Increase	5.0% Increase
<b><u>Wholesale Customers: (2)</u></b>	3.6% Increase	2.0% Increase
<b>Systemwide without</b>		
<b>Water Revenue Reserve Fund:</b>	7.4% Increase	2.3% Increase
<b>Systemwide Including</b>		
<b>Water Revenue Reserve Fund:</b>	7.7% Increase	2.3% Increase
<i>(1) Water Rate percentage impacts shown for all customer classes include new Revenue Stability Reserve Fund</i>		
<i>(2) Large Volume and Wholesale customers each have individual rates</i>		
The attached schedules provide detailed current and proposed water, wastewater, and reclaimed rates for all retail and wholesale customer classes.		